

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-9 (canceled)

10. (Currently Amended) A non-dusting homogeneous pigment composition, which comprises:

- $\geq 40\%$ ~~50%~~ by weight of one or more effect pigments,
- 0.5 - 59.5% by weight of a styrene-modified polyacrylate having an acid number > 90 mg KOH/g,
- 0.5 - 50% by weight of water and/or an organic solvent or solvent mixture,
- 0 - 10% by weight of a neutralizing agent, and
- 0 - 10% by weight of a modifying agent.

11. (Previously presented) A non-dusting homogeneous pigment composition according to Claim 10, wherein the effect pigment is a pearl luster pigment and/or an SiO_2 flake coated with one or more metal oxides.

12. (Previously presented) A non-dusting homogeneous pigment composition according to Claim 11, wherein the effect pigment is a pearl luster pigment of TiO_2 and/or Fe_2O_3 coated on mica.

13. **(Previously presented)** A non-dusting homogeneous pigment composition according to Claim 11, wherein the effect pigment is a pigment of SiO₂ flake coated with TiO₂ and/or Fe₂O₃.

14. **(Previously presented)** A non-dusting homogeneous pigment composition according to claim 10, wherein the styrene-modified polyacrylate is an α-methylstyrene-modified polyacrylate.

15. **(Previously presented)** A non-dusting homogeneous pigment composition according to claim 11, wherein the styrene-modified polyacrylate is an α-methylstyrene-modified polyacrylate.

16. **(Previously presented)** A non-dusting homogeneous pigment composition according to claim 12, wherein the styrene-modified polyacrylate is an α-methylstyrene-modified polyacrylate.

17. **(Previously presented)** A non-dusting homogeneous pigment composition according to claim 13, wherein the styrene-modified polyacrylate is an α-methylstyrene-modified polyacrylate.

18. **(Previously presented)** A non-dusting homogeneous pigment composition according to claim 10, which further comprises at least one: defoamer, surface-active substance, wetting agent, anti-settling agent, levelling agent, siccative or thixotropic agent.

19. (Currently amended) A dry material produced from the non-dusting homogeneous pigment composition of claim 10 by tabletting, briquetting, pelletizing, fluidized-bed granulating, granulating, spray-granulating or extruding the a pigment composition, optionally in the presence of a solvent, and, optionally, freeing the dry material from the solvent, wherein the pigment composition is a non-dusting homogeneous pigment composition, comprising:

- $\geq 40\%$ by weight of one or more effect pigments,
- 0.5 - 59.5% by weight of a styrene-modified polyacrylate having an acid number > 90 mg KOH/g,
- 0.5 - 50% by weight of water and/or an organic solvent or solvent mixture,
- 0 - 10% by weight of a neutralizing agent, and
- 0 - 10% by weight of a modifying agent.

20. (Currently amended) A dry material produced from the non-dusting homogeneous pigment composition of claim 11 by tabletting, briquetting, pelletizing, fluidized-bed granulating, granulating, spray granulating or extruding the pigment composition, optionally in the presence of a solvent, and, optionally, freeing the dry material from the solvent according to claim 19, wherein the effect pigment is a pearl luster pigment and/or an SiO_2 flake coated with one or more metal oxides.

21. (Currently amended) A dry material produced from the non-dusting homogeneous pigment composition of claim 12 by tabletting, briquetting, pelletizing, fluidized-bed granulating, granulating, spray granulating or extruding the pigment

~~composition, optionally in the presence of a solvent, and, optionally, freeing the dry material from the solvent according to claim 19, wherein the effect pigment is a pearl luster pigment of TiO₂ and/or Fe₂O₃ coated on mica.~~

22. **(Currently amended)** A dry material produced from the non-dusting homogeneous pigment composition of claim 13 by tabletting, briquetting, pelletizing, fluidized bed granulating, granulating, spray granulating or extruding the pigment composition, optionally in the presence of a solvent, and, optionally, freeing the dry material from the solvent according to claim 19, wherein the effect pigment is a pigment of SiO₂ flake coated with TiO₂ and/or Fe₂O₃.

23. **(Currently amended)** A dry material produced from the non-dusting homogeneous pigment composition of claim 14 by tabletting, briquetting, pelletizing, fluidized bed granulating, granulating, spray granulating or extruding the pigment composition, optionally in the presence of a solvent, and, optionally, freeing the dry material from the solvent according to claim 19, wherein the styrene-modified polyacrylate is an α-methylstyrene-modified polyacrylate.

24. **(Previously presented)** A paint, varnish, printing ink, plastic, automotive finish or powder coating composition, comprising a dry material according to claim 19.

25. **(Previously presented)** A non-dusting homogeneous pigment composition according to Claim 10, wherein at least one effect pigment is a pigment based on a

platelet-shaped and transparent or semi-transparent substrate or a metal effect pigment.

26. (Canceled)

27. (Previously presented) A non-dusting homogeneous pigment composition according to Claim 10, wherein at least one effect pigment is a pigment based on mica or SiO₂ flakes.

28. (Previously presented) A non-dusting homogeneous pigment composition according to Claim 10, wherein the composition comprises 5 to 40% by weight of the styrene-modified polyacrylate having an acid number > 90 mg KOH/g.

29. (Previously presented) A non-dusting homogeneous pigment composition according to Claim 10, wherein the styrene-modified polyacrylate has an acid number > 100 mg KOH/g.

30. (Canceled)